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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/2007

SPONSOR Saavedra LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 592

SHORT TITLE UNM Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Schuss

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$3,215.34	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 532

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 592 appropriates \$3,215,340 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to develop and conduct inflammatory breast cancer research in conjunction with the inflammatory breast cancer clinic and research program at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center of the University of Texas.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3,215,340 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY10 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Higher Education Department states the following:

According to the National Cancer Institute within the U.S. National Institutes of Health, inflammatory breast cancer is a rare but very aggressive type of breast cancer where cancer cells block the lymph vessels in the skin, usually grow rapidly and often spread to other parts of the body. In October 2006, the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center opened the first clinic in the world dedicated to the treatment and research of inflammatory breast cancer. According to center news releases, women with IBC are more likely to be misdiagnosed initially, and ultimately diagnosed after the disease has metastasized. Their goal is to understand why this disease is different, why it is so resistant to treatment, and ultimately to develop treatment guidelines and therapies that improve the well-being of women with this type of cancer. This bill would help fund a collaborative research effort between the UNM Health Sciences Center and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

This request was not submitted by the UNM Health Sciences Center to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review, and is not included in the department's funding recommendation for FY08.

The Department of Health notes that it is estimated that in New Mexico 1,080 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007 (American Cancer Society, 2007).

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

According to the Department of Health, HB 592 supports the NM Cancer Council's Statewide Comprehensive Cancer Plan 2007-2011: (1) To increase access to, and participation of New Mexicans in, cancer prevention and therapeutic clinical trials, and in long term follow-up, survivorship, and epidemiological research studies.

## **DUPLICATION**

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